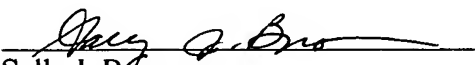


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005. At that time, claim 1-4, 6, 9, 10, 12-14, 32-34, 36, 37 and 52-54 were pending in the application. The Examiner indicated that claims 10 and 37 contained allowable subject matter. At the same time, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6, 9, 12-14, 32-34, 36, and 52-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,848,713 issued to Nakashima et al (hereinafter "Nakashima").

By this paper, the pending independent claims have been amended to include the language of claim 10, which language the Examiner has already indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, Applicant believes that this amendment places all of the claims in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

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